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REMARKS

Claims 36 - 82 are pending. Claims 1 - 35 have been canceled, and new claims 36 - 82 have been added to eliminate the use of multiple dependent claims and to place the claims in a form that comports with established U.S. claim practice. Headings have been added to the specification to conform to U.S. format. Replacement drawings are appended hereto.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that further amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, or if the Examiner believes that a personal interview would be advantageous in order to more expeditiously resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with this application, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1165

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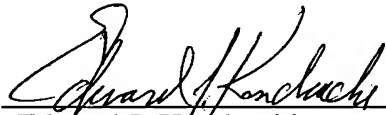
(Attorney Docket No. T2147-908626) and credit any excess fees to the same Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached fifteen (15) sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1 –8f. These sheets replace the original sheets of drawings filed with the application. The proposed corrections only comprise translation of the French terms in the drawings into English.

Attachments: Fifteen (15) Replacement Sheets of Drawings